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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

NAGATA, TETSUO

Examiner

David N. Spector

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 October 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 19-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 19 and 20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 24 October 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☒ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 10/025,896.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 10242003 [A, B].
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☒ Other: DETAILED ACTION.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

2. Claims 19-21 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. In particular, the features/limitations "said first prism has an equal sign of power in two orthogonal directions" (Claim 19, Line 26) and "said second prism has an equal sign of power in two orthogonal directions" (Claim 19, Line 27) recited in applicant's (sole) independent claim 19 are not supported by the instant disclosure. More specifically, the instant specification is completely silent in this regard.

Objections to Claims

3. Claim 19 is objected to for the use of the particular phrase "an image is formed only on a light beam emergent side of said second-fourth transmitting surface" in the last two lines thereof. The aforesaid phrase is neither clear, concise, or exact. In particular, this exact phrase does not appear in the instant specification; wherein less verbose alternative language "the image-forming optical system does not form an intermediate image" (Page 7, Lines 17-19) is used convey similar features/limitations.

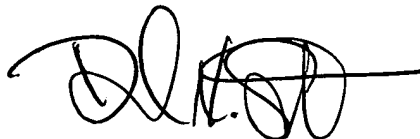
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Other Remarks/Information

4. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 10/24/2003 was received and considered by the examiner. The document number for citation no. 5 (e.g. U.S. Patent No. 6,432,881) therein is not consistent with the name of the patentee (e.g. Takeyama), or the issue date (e.g. 10/08/2002) provided for said citation on the aforesaid IDS. Accordingly, citation no. 5 has not been considered by the examiner.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David N. Spector whose telephone number is (571) 272-2338. The examiner can normally be reached at this number Monday through Friday between 6:00 AM and 2:30 PM. The fax number for the organization where this application is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

August 17, 2004

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D.N. Spector', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

DAVID N. SPECTOR
PRIMARY EXAMINER